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## HOWARD COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF POLICE OFFICE OF PUBLIC AFFAIRS

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## Police arrest two in Dunloggin burglary

Neighbors helped provide details after seeing information posted by police on social media

Howard County police have charged two people in a burglary that occurred in the Dunloggin area of Ellicott City last month. Investigators were assisted by local residents after posting a request on social media for information about the case.

Scott Matthew Onofrio, 46, and Kelly Ann Wallace, 22, both of no fixed address, were charged with burglary and theft for their involvement in an Aug. 11 incident in the 9400 block of Dunloggin Road. In the days after the burglary, police posted this message on multiple social media sites, including Facebook and Nextdoor.

"Howard County police are seeking information about a burglary that occurred in YOUR community on Tuesday, Aug. 11. A resident in the 9400 block of Dunloggin Rd. came home around 6:30 p.m. to find a man armed with a knife running out of the garage. The man got into the driver's seat of a gray SUV parked near the house, with an unknown woman in the passenger's seat. The suspect ransacked the home and stole jewelry and other valuables.

Call police if anyone knocked on your door, behaved suspiciously, or if you spotted a gray SUV. No tip is too small!"

Two residents in the community responded and provided information that assisted in the case. After additional investigation, the two suspects were arrested. Onofrio is being held on \$250,000 bond at the Howard County Detention Center. Wallace's bond was set at \$75,000.

The police department appreciates the community's assistance and collaboration through social media to help close this case!